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In response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2006 in the above identified application, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. A separate three (3) month Petition for Extension of Time is concurrently submitted herewith. Two Terminal Disclaimers and a Declaration of Common Ownership are also enclosed herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper

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Appendix I: Terminal Disclaimer - U.S. Patent 7,015,265

Appendix II: Terminal Disclaimer - U. S. Patent 6,992,122

Appendix III: Declaration of Common Ownership.

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